

SUN BREAKS THROUGH CLOUDS, BEAMING ON 35,000

AND STILL THE CROWDS POUR IN CITY FOR FAIR

Clouds and Rain Only Prevent Part of Program.

Many Exciting Features for Rest of the Week.

HORSE SHOW THIS AFTERNOON

Society Event in Front of Grandstand for Visitors.

Horse Show Tonight, Too, on a Natural Stage.

WEATHER FAVORABLE AT LAST

Warm Sun Brings Out Thousands on Grounds.

Estimated That 35,000 Were on the Grounds Today.

BIG AUTO RACES TOMORROW

At 2 O'Clock Gun Is Fired for First Event.

Polo Games Are Scheduled for Morning.

This Afternoon.

1:00 p. m.—Marshall's Military Band concert in front of the grandstand.

2:00 p. m.—The Horse Show. Judging classes in front of the grandstand.

3:00 p. m.—Concert on the Plaza by the Famous Frontier Cowboy Band from Sharon Springs.

4:00 p. m.—Concert in Motor Hall by the Knights and Ladies of Security band.

5:00 p. m.—Monoplane flights by William Kopschke.

6:00 p. m.—The grounds and all buildings and exhibits, brilliantly illuminated by electricity, open free to all.

7:00 p. m.—Carnival on the Sunflower Trail.

7:45 p. m.—Concert in the Horse Show Arena by Marshall's Military Band.

8:00 p. m.—Grand parade of dairy cattle in the Horse Show arena.

8:15 p. m.—The Horse Show. Judging of classes in the brilliantly illuminated arena in front of the grandstand.

11:00 p. m.—The Close of the First Big Free Fair.

What was probably the largest crowd in the history of Kansas fairs—surged through the gates of the fair grounds today. At 1 o'clock it was officially estimated by a state fair official that there were between thirty and thirty-five thousand persons on the grounds viewing the exhibits which aggregate in value around two million dollars.

There was scarcely standing room in the big pavilions and halls. Down the main "street" running north and south from the gates to the grandstand it was a never ending surging body of humanity. Superintendents of building were taxed to their utmost to avoid jams in the buildings.

At noon today the grounds were a network of straw trails. Straw, wood shavings and everything that will serve the purpose has been strung over the walks.

That Bloomin' Jinx.

Fighting the jinx that has hung over the grounds like a pall for the greater part of this week, the mammoth Free Fair of Topeka opened the doors to exhibits and displays for the fourth day this morning, with special trains from all parts of the state pouring thousands of visitors into the city.

About 100,000 persons have seen the great exposition in the last three days and a half—seen it in the rain—and vouch for all contentions made that the fair is the biggest ever held in the southwest.

This morning the clouds again began to fill the grounds despite the drizzling showers.

Rain Doesn't Stop Them.

Rain is not stopping farmers and out-of-town visitors from taking in the exposition. The crowds, who poured into the city on morning trains formed into a solid mob.

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WARDEN BOTKIN IS CONVICTED ON ELEVEN COUNTS

Investigating Commission Lifts Pen Head From Position.

The Case Will Be Taken to Courts by the Warden.

MAY ENJOIN HIS SUCCESSOR

Stay at Prison and Force Quo Warranto Proceeding.

Board of Corrections Held for Part of Blame.

Removal of J. D. Botkin as warden of the state penitentiary was recommended to Governor Capper at 3 o'clock this afternoon by a special commission which heard the testimony in the case against the Democratic warden. The commission was unanimous in its findings, which exonerate Botkin on but three of the fourteen charges against his record.

Senator L. M. Mahan, of Botkin's counsel, is in Topeka today and stated that an effort would be made to retain Botkin in office and that the case would be carried to the courts. It is possible that injunctive proceedings against the appointment of a successor may be filed. In event this course is not pursued, Botkin will seek to remain at the prison and force the state to bring quo warranto proceedings for his removal.

All of the charges against Botkin's record are reviewed in the findings of the commission. Nearly twenty typewritten pages are in the report to Governor Capper.

Asked concerning Botkin's successor, Governor Capper late today stated that no action would be taken for a day or two. In political circles it is considered the terms of the proposed billion-dollar credit loan to Great Britain and France with a view to participating.

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The commission is reported to believe the maximum rate should be five per cent. Many American bankers believe the mammoth issue should yield at least five and one-half per cent while there is some talk of requiring six per cent. A five per cent loan the commission is reported as having said should be sold at par or a shade under. Some financiers here are said to doubt whether the American public would subscribe to a straight five per cent loan without collateral, at more than 95, if that. This view, however, is not held by all the American bankers.

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ANARCHY LOOSED

Rioters and Looters in Possession of Nogales, Mex.

Villistas and Carranzistas in Battle at Border.

Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 16.—Anarchy has broken out in Nogales, Mex., across the border from here, following the departure of most of the Villista garrison today to meet Carranzistas coming to attack the city.

Rioters took possession and looted stores. The small force of Yaqui Indians left behind arrested thirty-five of the looters, but were forced to retire to their camp, leaving the mob in partial possession of the city.

A Chinaman resisted the looters and was beaten to death. So far as is known on the American side, this was the only casualty.

Artillery firing could be heard here, indicating that the battle between Villistas and Carranzistas has opened about five miles from the border.

KAISER'S REFUSAL HERE

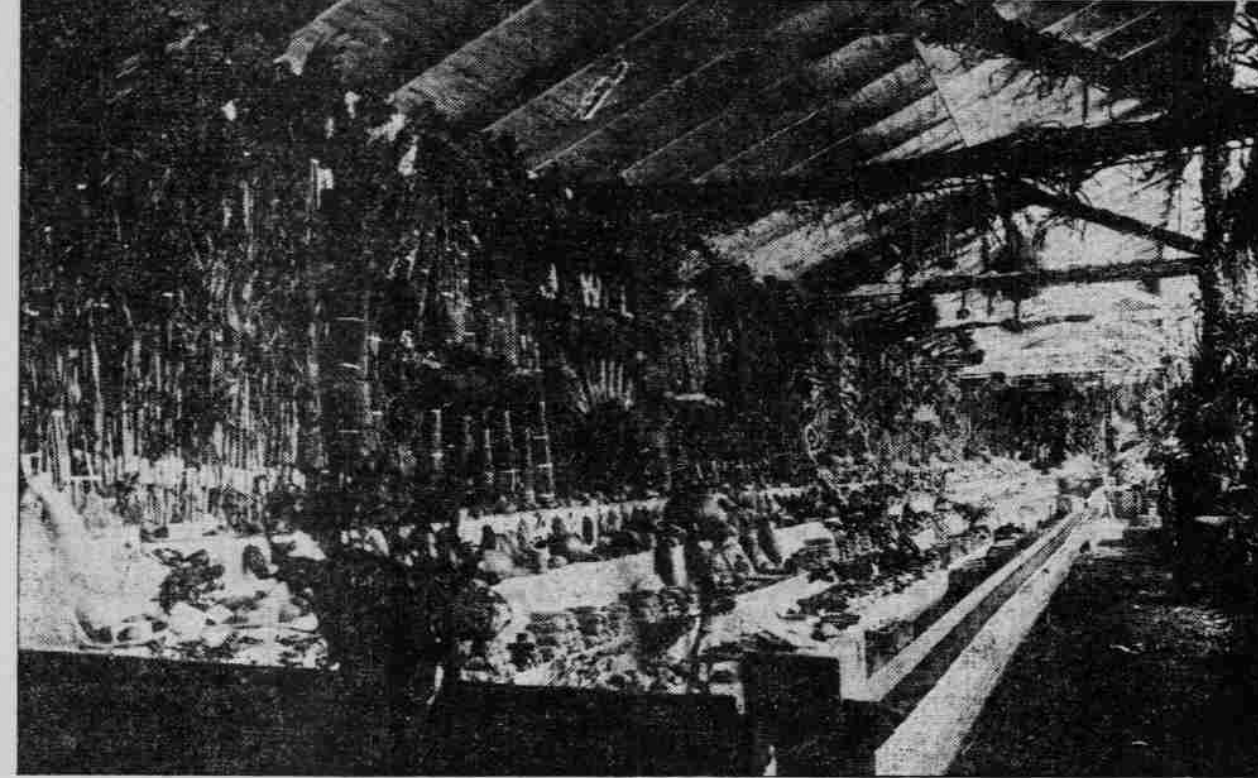
No Reason to Believe Hesperian Was Torpedoed, Says Note.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Germany's note informing the United States that there is no reason to believe that the Hesperian was sunk by a submarine was received late today at the state department.

duties of the board is not enough. The demoralized condition of affairs would have been greatly improved if the board had given attention to the details of the management, had compelled more rigid discipline, and had insisted upon the dismissal of incompetent and unworthy employees.

No charge of dishonesty is found to have been established against Botkin.

BEAUTIFUL CORNER IN AGRICULTURAL HALL AT FAIR.



Section of Jewell County Exhibit.

JOHN D. TO RESCUE

Oil Magnate May Help Allies to Get Billion.

Terms of Gigantic Project Are Being Considered.

PRO-GERMAN FINANCIERS OUT

Foreign Commissioners Prepare Five Per Cent Interest.

Visitors Crystallize Program, With Cash in Sight.

New York, Sept. 16.—Standard Oil millionaire, including John D. Rockefeller, Jr., it was reported today, are considering the terms of the proposed billion-dollar credit loan to Great Britain and France with a view to participating.

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SUN SHINES AGAIN

Barometer Is Rising and Rain Is Over of Topeka.

Topeka has an excellent chance for some good weather after all. The weather bureau holds out hope now that at least the last part of fair week will be propitious for the business of the fair association. The barometer is rising, and the sky was clear in the western part of the state this morning. The forecast is partly cloudy and not much change in temperature tonight and Friday.

The clouds broke up this afternoon and the sun shone part of the time from patches of blue sky between the floating gray clouds. The weather man announced that a clear area, extending from the Pacific coast to western Kansas, was on the way. It is coming slowly, however, and will not reach Topeka probably until tomorrow. There is little chance for any more rain for a few days at least. The wind veered around to the southwest this morning and blew from that direction at the rate of five miles an hour all day.

The afternoon temperature was slightly above normal, registering 82 degrees at 2 o'clock. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

8 o'clock ... 64 11 o'clock ... 68
9 o'clock ... 64 12 o'clock ... 72
10 o'clock ... 66 1 o'clock ... 76
11 o'clock ... 68 2 o'clock ... 82

ENGINEER FALLS UNDER WHEELS.

Chanute, Kan., Sept. 16.—George Scott, a veteran locomotive engineer on the Southern Kansas division of the Santa Fe railroad, was killed in the yards here today when he fell from the steps under the drive wheels of his engine.

CZAR GRANTS FREEDOM TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

Turin, Italy, Sept. 16.—The Gazette del Popolo says it has received a dispatch from Petrograd that Emperor Nicholas has granted amnesty to all political prisoners. The number affected is said to be 100,000.

DUMA THROTTLED

Czar Porogues Session Until Middle of November.

Military Steps Taken to Curb Public Demonstration.

PROGRESSIVES SWEEP ASIDE

Emperor Holds Reforms Advocated Are "Untimely."

Nicholas Takes Hand to Avert Cabinet Crisis.

Petrograd, Sept. 16.—Premier Goremykin has been authorized to prorogue the duma. Public feeling has been stirred deeply by this announcement. It was made known today that a meeting of district councils and municipal leagues would be held in Moscow next week.

London, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that the Russian duma will be prorogued today until the middle of November.

An imperial decree to this effect has been issued, the correspondent says, and was communicated last night by Premier Goremykin to the cabinet and to Michael Rodzianko, president of the duma. The premier also conferred with the military and civil authorities of Petrograd and Moscow with regard to forestalling popular demonstrations.

Differences of opinion between the cabinet and the duma have been clearly defined since the formation early this month of a majority in the duma of liberal and progressive elements. The new majority put forward a program of important reforms and it was reported that the cabinet might resign. Premier Goremykin went to the field headquarters of Emperor Nicholas to discuss the situation and on his return to Petrograd it was said the government regarded the program of the liberals as untimely.

BIG LINER GOES ASHORE

Euphrate Faces Destruction; Passengers and Crew Taken Off.

Marseilles, France, Sept. 16.—The liner Euphrate, owned by the Messageries Maritimes, has gone ashore on the island of Socotra. Passengers and crew have been taken off by passing steamers. It is feared the Euphrate will be a total loss.

The Euphrate is a steamer of 6,876 tons gross, 447 feet long, with a beam of 52 feet. She was last reported to have sailed from Saigon, French Cochinchina, August 24, for Marseilles.

Socotra Island, on which the Euphrate is reported to have gone ashore, is in the Indian ocean near the entrance to the Gulf of Aden and 135 miles east-northeast of Cape Guardafui.

STONE IS RETAINED

Topeka Attorney Will Appear for Judge Flannely in Gas Case.

Robert Stone of Topeka, speaker of the house of representatives, was today retained as an attorney for Judge Flannely of Montgomery county in the gas case before the state supreme court. The cases will be heard before the supreme court September 22.

BRITISH PLUNGER SUNK

Admiralty Announces Probable Loss Off the Dardanelles.

London, Sept. 16.—The admiralty announced today that in all probability the British submarine E-7 had been sunk off the Dardanelles.

Heat Closes Schools.

Gloversville, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The public schools were dismissed early this afternoon because of the heat.

AUSTRIA HAS NO TIME FOR STRIKES

Considers Request for Dumba Recall Purely Personal.

Official Seeks to Minimize Gravity of Situation.

FRIENDSHIP NOT IN DANGER

Carl W. Ackerman Get Reassuring Expression.

Statement Gives Washington Hope of Disavowal.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Vienna, Sept. 15.—(By courier to Berlin, thence by way of The Hague, Sept. 16.)—"Austria has not interfered and will not interfere with internal affairs in America. We are too busy with European affairs to bother with strikes in the United States. But, whatever our inquiries show, we shall consider the request for Ambassador Dumba's recall purely personal. It will not disturb friendly relations between the two countries."

This statement was made to me today by a foreign office official—one of those who has determined the policies of the monarchy. He said he would be glad if the statement went to America as explanatory of Austria's attitude.

Austrians Taken by Surprise.

Whether a successor will be named at Washington and how soon such an appointment may be made has not been determined. The foreign office apparently has not yet recovered from the first feeling of surprise. Dumba was regarded highly here and officials believed he stood extremely well in Washington.

"We are awaiting Ambassador Dumba's report," continued the foreign office official. "Until we hear from him we shall take no steps. Before judging the case we must have our own representative's report. We are not at all concerned with the whole situation will be adjusted without the least interference with cordial relations now existing between the two countries."

In view of his statement that the request for the recall of Dumba was "purely personal," the official was asked if the question involved did not also concern the attitude of the Austrian government toward the instigating of strikes in America.

Too Busy at Home.

"We have too much to think about on this side of the ocean without undertaking to direct affairs on the other side," was the emphatic reply.

"Just now we are awaiting a report from Ambassador Dumba," he said. "There is no quick work of communication except the limited use of wireless to Berlin. It is possible we may be forced to await a report by mail. The thing that may be said, however, is that your Ambassador Penfield dispatched a delicate duty with the greatest tact."

The greatest reluctance has been observed here about the Dumba affair. The official quoted above is the only one who would talk, explaining that officials in general are disinclined to talk because the government had not been fully informed of the request for Ambassador Dumba's recall.

Though the foreign office official in praising Ambassador Penfield for having "dispatched a delicate duty with the greatest tact," merely indicated that the note requesting Dumba's recall has been delivered, Penfield himself refused to make any statement today about the note's arrival or delivery. He said he acted only as messenger of the state department in this instance and believed it proper for any statement to come from the foreign office.

Washington Takes Hope.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The administration's hope for a disavowal of Austrian Ambassador Dumba's proposal to foment strikes among Austrians in American munition factories were raised today by the United Press dispatch from Correspondent Carl W. Ackerman, saying the Austrian government will not interfere with America's internal affairs.

Officials have been confident that, in addition to recalling Dumba, the Austrian government, after a clear understanding of his offense, would assure the United States that it has no sympathy with his plans.

LEFT MONEY TO KANSAS

J. E. Becker of Concord, N. H., Gives \$1,000 For Books in Will.

Announcement of a bequest of \$1,000 to the Kansas State Historical Society in the will of the late Jonathan Eastman Becker of Concord, N. H., was made here today by William E. Connelley, secretary of the society. The bequest was a surprise to him. The money shall be used for the purchase of books for the society relating to New Hampshire.

So far as is known here, Mr. Becker had no connection with the Kansas organization, and Mr. Connelley asserted today that the notice from the executors was a surprise to him. The bequest is the second made the society in its history, the late John Booth of Manhattan having left \$500 for the purchase of books.

The society has just installed in its quarters in the state memorial building what is said to be one of the finest collections of wood carvings in the country. The collection, valued at \$5,000, was the gift of J. T. Genn of Wamego.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

MILLIONS IN MEAT OWNED IN AMERICA SEIZED BY BRITISH

Cargoes Worth \$15,000,000 Held Forfeited to Crown.

Great American Packing Firms Hard Hit by Prize Court.

STUFF INTENDED FOR KAISER

Sir Samuel T. Evans Flays False Manifests.

Hope for Neutral Shipping Lies Only in Honesty.

London, Sept. 16.—The British prize court today condemned the greater part of the American products forming the cargoes of four steamships. The products, valued at several million dollars, are declared forfeited to the crown.

The judgment was delivered by Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the court. It involves the cargoes of the Norwegian steamships Klim, Alfred Nobel, Bjornstjerne Bjornson and Fridland. All the goods on these vessels, consisting principally of American meat products, are confiscated, with the exception of a small proportion which the court released to claimants.

The case has been pending for several months. The steamships were seized last November, and although efforts were made by the American owners to obtain an early trial, the British authorities set the hearing for June. The hearing closed last month and judgment was reserved until today.

Goods Intended for Germany.

In a lengthy judgment, Sir Samuel said it was plain these ships were carrying towards Copenhagen when captured.

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JITNEYS MAY GO IN

Topeka Gasoline Carriers Win Fight With Fair Managers.

Can Enter the Fair Grounds on Main Roadway.

Jitneys may enter the fair grounds to take on or unload passengers.

The trouble between the management of Topeka's big free fair and the local jitney drivers over entering the fair grounds was ironed out this morning by Judge George H. Whitcomb in the second division of the district court. Judge Whitcomb decided that the jitney drivers could enter the grounds at the main entrance, Seventeenth street and Topeka avenue, and follow the main road west to the exit gate at Seventeenth street and Western avenue. He also decided that they could take on and unload passengers in the grounds provided they did not make any unnecessary delay in traffic.

Judge Whitcomb's decision is the result of a petition filed in court this morning by Samuel E. Lux, general manager of the fair association, asking that the jitneys be enjoined from entering the fair grounds. Mr. Lux, who had appeared in court with his lawyers, appeared before Judge Whitcomb in person to ask that the jitneys be kept out of the fair grounds. In the petition to the court the fair management stated that the jitney people had refused to obey the rules that the management had laid down in regard to traffic and that the jitneys were a danger to the visitors who wanted to see the exhibits and that the people on the grounds were in great danger of life and limb because the jitneys went into the grounds.

On the other hand the jitney owners maintained that they had a right to go into the grounds and solicit business and that they were obstructing traffic in any manner.

Judge Whitcomb's decision gives concessions to both sides by allowing the jitneys to go along the main road in the fair grounds but refusing them permission to go where they please.

JOHN D. GIVES \$18,000

Old King Makes Contribution to Drug Fiend Hospital in New York.

New York, Sept. 16.—A check for \$18,000 has been received from John D. Rockefeller by Commissioner of Corrections Davis as a contribution toward a hospital for drug fiends.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt has given \$10,000 for the work and a building will be erected in which the city will attempt to effect cures of "dope fiends."

OH, LOOK-'E, KIDDIES! OLD SANTA IS HERE WITH PACK

Philadelphia, Sept. 16.—Santa Claus has arrived.

The first cargo of German made toys to arrive here this year was being unloaded today from the Holland-American line steamer Zaandijk. There were 1,200 cases in the cargo and most of the toys were made by hand in the Black Forest of Germany.

The Zaandijk arrived yesterday from Rotterdam.